O-POST

FD-302 (Rev. 1-25-60)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

I

Date December 3, 1963

KP

DEAN ANDREWS, Attorney at Law, Room 628, Maison Blanche ~~Building, New~~ Orleans, Louisiana, advised that he returned to work December 2, 1963, after being seriously ill at Hotel Dieu Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana. He advised that he had been hospitalized with pneumonia November 20 through 29, 1963, and during the time he was in the hospital he was under heavy sedation.

Mr. ANDREWS advised that on the night of November 23, 1963, between the hours of 6 and 9 p.m. he was awakened by the telephone in his room at Hotel Dieu. He advised he answered this telephone from a sound sleep and an individual who advised his name was CLAY BERTRAND asked him if he would be interested in defending LEE HARVEY OSWALD on the charge of murder of President KENNEDY in Dallas, Texas.

Mr. ANDREWS advised that he told the individual who called him that he would give consideration to defending OSWALD and that BERTRAND told him on the telephone that he would call him back. ANDREWS advised that BERTRAND has never called him back. ANDREWS advised that he was not furnished a telephone number where he could reach BERTRAND or any other identifying information other than the name CLAY BERTRAND. ANDREWS stated that the name CLAY BERTRAND seemed familiar to him and so did the voice.

ANDREWS stated that since he has returned to his office and has been attempting to recall this telephone conversation, "It seems like a dream to him". ANDREWS stated that the principal reasons why he feels that the telephone call was not a dream was because of the action he took in contacting Mr. SAM "MONK" ZELDEN, President of the New Orleans Criminal Bar Association and a close personal friend on Sunday, November 24, 1963 by telephone, reaching him at the New Orleans Athletic Club and discussing with him the propriety of defending OSWALD and asking ZELDEN if he would be interested in assisting in the defense. ANDREWS recalls this call and further recalls that it was

---

On 12/3/63 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 89-69

by SA REGIS L. KENNEDY and SA REED W. JENSEN :gas Date dictated 12/3/63

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

Attorney ZELDEN who told him that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had been shot and that this news had just come over the television station.

ANDREWS advised that in addition to talking with ZELDEN, he had discussed receiving this call from CLAY BERTRAND with his investigator, Sergeant R. M. DAVIS, United States Army Retired, and his secretary, EVA SPRINGER, as well as his wife. ANDREWS stated he could not pin point the time he discussed this call with DAVIS or his wife and secretary.

Mr. ANDREWS advised that he has no recollection of calling the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the United States Secret Service on November 25, 1963, but he does recall being interviewed by both representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the United States Secret Service. He advised that he was under heavy sedation at the time of these interviews and was a very sick man.

Mr. ANDREWS advised that he recalled LEE HARVEY OSWALD coming to his office on three to five occasions on or about the last week of June, 1963, and speaking with him regarding the possibility of ANDREWS assisting him in correcting a Bad Discharge from the United States Marine Corps. OSWALD was also interested in determining his status as a citizen of the United States and determining whether he had disavowed his citizenship in Russia. He was also interested in the immigration status of his wife in the United States. ANDREWS advised that OSWALD arrived at his office late in the evening after 5 p.m. and before 6 p.m. and as a result his secretary had left and there was no record made of his visit in the appointment book and he, ANDREWS, made no file on OSWALD's visit.

ANDREWS advised that OSWALD on the first occasion that he entered his office arrived at the same time as four other individuals whom he recalls as "gay kids", that is, French Quarter sex deviates. ANDREWS advised that he did not

CR 126

Mex "youth" 3 times 1 page? Read?

recall who these individuals were, what connection they had with OSWALD, or any information why they were all in the office at the same time. On another occasion ANDREWS advised that he recalls OSWALD entering the office at the same time a Mexican looking youth, who appeared to him to be "gay", entered the office. This Mexican youth had a "butch hair cut" which is a very short hair cut and while OSWALD was speaking with ANDREWS, he remained in the outer office. ANDREWS advised that he did not know this Mexican looking youth and has not seen or heard of him since this visit from OSWALD and could not identify him even if he should see him again.

Mr. ANDREWS advised that OSWALD was to bring to his office copies of his discharge from the United States Marine Corps, a record of his serial number and any other papers he had as well as the necessary expense money to enable him (as OSWALD's attorney) to write to obtain the necessary records. ANDREWS advised that OSWALD never brought the records or the necessary money to pay for obtaining a copy of the records and therefore no action was taken by him.

ANDREWS advised that OSWALD came to his, ANDREWS', office the last time approximately July 9, 1963. ANDREWS stated that nothing of importance was discussed and OSWALD did not bring his necessary records and did not bring necessary funds to enable him, ANDREWS, to take any action for OSWALD. ANDREWS stated that he next observed OSWALD on Canal Street several weeks or a month later near the Maison Blanche Building passing out some "Friends of Cuba Literature". ANDREWS stated that he stopped and spoke to OSWALD and told him he "must be crazy" to be passing out this literature. ANDREWS said he also asked him in "jive talk" when was he going to bring him the bread or in normal English, when was he going to bring the money to finance his case. ANDREWS

CD126

advised that OSWALD could "really dig hep cat talk", that is understand jive talk or the slang expressions used among the sex deviates of the French Quarter. ANDREWS advised that OSWALD indicated that he did not have the money to pay the expenses for the obtaining of his military record and made a remark that passing out these handbills "was a job". ANDREWS stated that at no time did OSWALD indicate for whom he was working or indicate that he was being paid to pass out "Friends of Cuba Literature".

ANDREWS advised that this meeting on Canal Street was the last time he saw LEE HARVEY OSWALD, but from some source he learned that OSWALD had been arrested for getting into a fight. He advised that he did not represent OSWALD in court.

ANDREWS advised that he has carefully searched the various files and records of his office in an effort to identify CLAY BERTRAND and he has been unable to do so. He stated that he has every reason to believe that he has met CLAY BERTRAND before and the name seems to be familiar to him but to date he has been unable to identify CLAY BERTRAND as being identical with any individual he knows. ANDREWS advised that he would make every effort to identify CLAY BERTRAND by searching his memory and files of his office.

ANDREWS advised that he had reviewed a series of still photographs taken from film photographed by WDSU cameraman of LEE HARVEY OSWALD passing out literature in front of the International Trade Mart and in one corner of the photograph shown him by the Secret Service was a picture of CLEMENCIA ALMEIDA, 929 Gravier Street, New Orleans, employed by M. L. QUEEN, 338 International Trade Mart, New Orleans, Louisiana, telephone 523-6995, who is a client of his. ANDREWS advised that none of the other people in these photographs were identical with CLAY BERTRAND and he does not know any of the people in the photographs except OSWALD whom he immediately recognized.

CR 126

Mr. ANDREWS repeated at the conclusion of the interview that this entire incident could have been dreamed by him in view of the physical condition he was in at the time. He stated however, that he believes he did received a call from an individual that he recalls as CLAY BERTRAND and he feels he will be able to identify CLAY BERTRAND either from material that is in his files or recognize him.

Mr. ANDREWS stated that he has a mental picture of CLAY BERTRAND as being approximately 6'1" to 6'2", brown hair, excellent appearance, well dressed and although a homosexual is not obvious and probably has a good job in the city. ANDREWS stated that this is a mental picture and he cannot in any way recall where the description came from or how he recalls BERTRAND.

Mr. ANDREWS stated that the telephone call he received was in his opinion a local call. He advised he could not determine how the caller was able to locate him at the Hotel Dieu Hospital. He stated that his residence telephone is unlisted and his office was closed on Friday and Saturday, November 22 and 23, 1963. ANDREWS stated he does not have an answering service. ANDREWS advised that prior to entering the hospital it was necessary that he postpone several cases and notify his clients that he was in the hospital and this is the only way that the individual using the name CLAY BERTRAND could have learned that he was in room 202 of Hotel Dieu Hospital.

CR126